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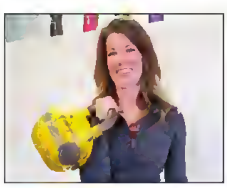

Kettlebell Club!

Open House at the newly-renovated Kettlebell Club.

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Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Winter fun! The snow and deep freeze have an upside - creating perfect conditions for outdoor fun that over the winter break included tobogganing. Here, 4-year old twins Alex, left, and Robert get a hand from dad Rocky, on a toboggan hill in Innisfil. Lake Simcoe now has more than 8" of ice, making ice anglers happy - and the coming weeks will bring Winterfests and Hockey Day in BWG to the area.

Finding savings, line by line

During the 2014 Election campaign, several members of the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Council made a promise to voters.

They promised to go over the 2015 Operating and Capital budgets, line by line.

And they did, starting at 9 a.m. on January 12. By the time they finished, just before 9 p.m. on January 13, they had whittled over $360,000 from the Municipal and Library levies, reducing the municipal levy (which accounts for 41.78% of the property tax bill) by 0.3% or $4.24 from 2014 levels, and brought the overall property tax increase (including County, Provincial Education and Policing levies) down to 1.3%.

The "average" home, assessed at about $360,000, will pay $52.21 more in 2015 than in 2014 – the bulk of that ($37.41) a Special Capital Levy to help cover the replacement costs of the Town's Tangible Capital Assets and aging infrastructure.

The budget process began in August, with Department heads trimming their requested allocations to come up with a proposed municipal tax increase of about 1.96%.

Then the Town received information that County and Police Services budgets were looking at expenditures that could drive the overall tax increase up to 2.15% - something Councillors were not prepared to accept.

They were warned by Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow that to reduce the municipal portion of the property taxes by 1%, they would have to find $191,000 in cuts – and to cut 1% from the overall levy, they would need to slash $538,000 in municipal spending, to offset rising County and Policing costs.

Councillors began going through the Budget binder, department by department. They discovered a few double-billing errors in communications expenses – and some readily-agreed-upon cuts, including $15,000 from the Professional Services budget in Engineering; $15,000 from the Transit Co-ordinator salary, related to Pay Equity adjustments; $11,000 from part-time wages in Treasury, $7,400 from Fire & Emergency Services; $5000 from Human Resources; $10,000 from Information Technology; $30,000 from Legal Services' "Contributions to Reserves," $5000

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South Simcoe Police report

Counterfeit Currency update

On 2 separate occasions in late November 2014, alert employees at a Bradford business refused to accept a counterfeit $50 U.S. bill from a suspect. South Simcoe Police were notified, and surveillance photos were analyzed. Through information sharing, it was learned that the same suspects had been active across Ontario. A joint task force meeting was held at Waterloo Regional Police HQ regarding this province-wide crime spree. As a result, two women from Montreal were identified, arrested and charged with numerous fraud offences. The task force continues to workon identifying the source of the counterfeit currency – and local businesses are reminded to be vigilant, especially when presented with U.S. Currency.

Suspended Driver

A 24 year old Bradford man was stopped for speeding on Yonge St. in BWG on Jan. 12 – his Pontiac G5 clocked at 110 kmph in a posted 80 kmph zone. When stopped, the man was unable to surrender his driver's licence. Investigation showed his driver's privileges had been revoked 10 months earlier, for failure to pay previous traffic tickets. He has a court date with a Justice of the Peace in February – and could face a fine of $1000 to $5000 on conviction.

Still waiting for justice

By Tracy McLaughlin, Special to QMI Agency

The last thing Richard Esch saw on his best friend's face before he was struck and killed by an SUV while they rode their bicycles, was a smile.

Esch doesn't remember being thrown into the air and landing in a ditch, his pelvis shattered, his bicycle a spray of debris.

He didn't see his friend, Brandon Majewski, hit with such force that he dented the SUV's bumper, cracked the windshield and roof, before he landed on the road to die while holding a caring stranger's hand.

But he can't forget the fact that the woman who struck them is suing the boys and their families for her own emotional trauma.

"The pain doesn't go away," Esch's father Terry said. "The damage this woman caused in a split second has affected so many lives."

Richard was 16 when he and his two buddies hopped on their bicycles and headed along a country road to the plaza for hot dogs around 1:30 a.m. on October 28, 2012. They were struck by the SUV as they rode 3 abreast on Innisfil Beach Road.

Esch was seriously injured. Brandon, 17, was killed.

His other pal, Jake Roberts, 16, was knocked off his bike but not seriously injured. No alcohol or drugs were in the boys' systems at the time of the collision, toxicology reports show.

The SUV driver, Sharlene Simon, 42, who lived in Innisfil at the time, hired her own lawyer to sue Brandon Majewski's estate, his parents, the County of Simcoe, Esch and Roberts.

Her husband, Jules Simon, a York Regional Police officer who was following his wife in his own vehicle that night, is also suing for emotional trauma.

The suit is separate from an action the Estate of Brandon Majewski has taken against Sharlene Simon.

A police report states the couple was heading to their nearby Innisfil home after having a drink at a bar. Sharlene Simon told police she was driving 90 kmph in an 80 kmph zone and didn't see the boys.

In a statement of claim filed with the court last April, Simon is claiming $1.35 million in damages due to her psychological suffering, including depression, anxiety, irritability and post-traumatic stress. She blames the boys for negligence. "They did not apply their brakes properly," the claim states. "They were incompetent bicyclists."

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Simon's lawyer Michael Ellis said the money is necessary to help her with the damages she suffered, including the loss of income and therapy for her emotional trauma.

"These were good kids, they're not like other kids," said Terry Esch, with son Richard at his side. "They weren't out at a party drinking and smoking dope. They were out on their bicycles." He and his wife have both lost income while off work, helping Richard with his rehabilitation.

He noted that the bikes had reflectors; one of the boys was wearing a bright yellow jacket. He questioned why Simon didn't see the cyclists – why "she wasn't charged, and why she and her husband were allowed to leave the scene."

The woman who held the dying boy's hand that night has the same question. "It's not a memory I will ever forget," said school teacher Melanie Lachance. "It hits you even harder later on."

She said the driver's frantic husband rushed up and asked their location so he could call police. Then he went back to his wife's vehicle and didn't return. When police came, the Simons were allowed to leave."That didn't sit right with me," Lachance said, noting that other witnesses were required to stay until 5:30 a.m.

Derek Majewski, Brandon's father, called the lawsuit "soul-sucking... We're still in pain. We're still confused. We're still waiting."

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Saving Rotodale's Nursery School programs

The planned closure of Rotodale Nursery School in Bradford had parents up in arms, signing petitions and contacting both municipal and Simcoe County officials in protest.

Simcoe Community Services had announced the planned closure of both Rotodale and Sunny Park Nursery School in Barrie as of June 2015, citing all-day Junior Kindergarten as a reason for ending the programs at the two locations.

But on January 12, the County and SCS announced that the nursery school spaces would remain available in Bradford – transferred to Bradford Progress Child Care Centres. Beginning in September 2015, Progress Child Care will take over the Nursery program at Rotodale's current location, at 118 Barrie St., with no interruption of service.

"Bradford Progress Child Care Centres has an experienced, fully-licensed and well-qualified team, and they look forward to continuing to offer a quality nursery school program to the community," said Greg Bishop, director of Children & Community Services with the County of Simcoe. "Together as partners, we recognize the importance of early learning in the context of a licensed nursery school program to promote healthy development and readiness for school."

Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall also had praise for the partnership. "Their efforts ensure families in Bradford West Gwillimbury will continue to have access to an affordable and fully-licensed nursery school program. County Council values our community partnerships and we are committed to providing Simcoe County families with accessible early learning child care opportunities."

New BWG Mayor Rob Keffer became personally involved in the issue.

Shortly before Christmas, he and Deputy Mayor James Leduc approached the County asking for reconsideration of the planned closure, calling it "a bitter pill" for his community. "We're a growing Town. We don't need to lose any (daycare) spaces," the Mayor said.

Initially, he said, "I got a bit of a frosty response" - but after Christmas, Mayor Keffer and councillors Peter Ferragine and Gary Baynes were invited to tour Rotodale.

"When we had our tour, the kids were so well-engaged, you could really tell they enjoyed the programs," Keffer said.

The Mayor was delighted by the January 12 announcement. "It was because it was such a good program, and the parents and community got behind it. We worked for a solution that would be good for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury... This is keeping a good program that is valuable to the community."

Bradford Progress Child Care will operate the nursery school program 5 mornings and 5 afternoons weekly, from September to June. Hours of operation will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. - especially suited to families who feel that the all-day JK program offered in publicly-funded elementary schools is too overwhelming for young children.

Families will have the option of a 5, 3 or 2-day program. Space will be limited to 16 children per group.

The Nursery School programs will receive support from the Resource Teacher Program operated by Simcoe Community Services. Bradford Progress Child Care Centres will also offer March Break, Christmas Break and Summer programs.

Interested in registering a child in the Nursery School program? Registration takes place Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at Progress Child Care Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. See ***bradfordprogresschildcare.ca*** for details.

New pumper-tanker purchase approved in 2015

Fire & Emergency Services had to fight for its $698,000 capital budget, for Fleet. The bulk of the money ($574,000) will go to purchase a new pumper-tanker multi-functional truck.

The new fire vehicle will replace a 22 year old tanker, which has had ongoing problems with reliability – but will also provide expanded uses, including a people-carrying function.

Due to the expanded use, a portion of the cost will come from Development Charges, levied on new development.

Councillor Mark Contois asked if the purchase price could be spread over 2 years, so it's "not so much of a tax burden."

It was pointed out that the full cost of the truck will come from Reserves and Development Charges; there is no impact on taxes.

"This will be the 3rd year I've put in for this truck," said Fire Chief Kevin Gallant, pointing out that, even if approved in the budget and ordered immediately, it will take about a year to build the customized vehicle.

Treasurer Ian Goodfellow noted that if Council tries to split the cost of the truck over 2 years, the Fire department won't be able to issue a Request for Proposals for the full construction of the vehicle, due to Town policy.

Council left the vehicle in the 2015 budget.

Fire Safety House partners wanted

The Fire Safety House has been a popular educational tool, helping Fire & Emergency Services demonstrate both common fire hazards in the home, and key elements of fire safety to elementary school students.

But the current Fire Safety House is 15 years old, and needs to be replaced. The fire department has submitted a request for $70,000 in its 2015 budget; because it is a "replacement vehicle," 100% of the cost will have to come from taxation, if approved.

Councillor Ron Orr asked if the Department could approach local insurance agencies, to help sponsor the cost and offset the tax burden – since fire prevention is such an important issue. Anyone interested in supporting a new Fire House should contact Fire HQ, at 905-775-7311.

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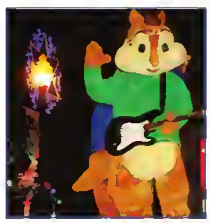
Looking back at 2014, continued

October

On October 31, W.H. Day Elementary School officially opened its new accessible Community Playground – after a massive fundraising effort that raised over $45,000 in under a year.



November

November saw the 100th Birthday of Antonio Ingoglia, Nov. 4 – and 95th Birthday of Jean Walker, who celebrated with a Nov. 8 Open House at Trinity Anglican Church.

The Bradford Legion held its Remembrance Dinner November 8, with special guests that included Hon. Colonel Sam Reid, of the band Glass Tiger; a Remembrance Parade and Wreath-laying on Nov. 9, and a ceremony on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, attended by students in grades 4 to 8 from Chris Hadfield Public School, who carried signs that read simply, "Thank You."

LOFT Community Services received a $10,000 donation from Farm Credit Canada, towards its Capital Campaign for Bradford House, a home for vulnerable and at-risk seniors located on Barrie St. The $600,000 campaign is raising money for repairs that include a new roof. To donate, see ***loftcs.org***

For the first time, Bradford District High School Jr. Girls won the GBSSA "AAA" Basketball Championship, Nov. 13 in Orillia.

On Nov. 14, Jason Verkaik of Carron Farms received a Provincial award for Agri-food innovation Excellence, for modifying computerized equipment to sort heritage carrots not only by size and weight, but colour – red, purple, black, white, yellow, and orange. The presentation took place in Innisfil.

Santa sightings were everywhere - culminating in the annual BWG Santa Claus Parade on November 15, a night-time illuminated parade that thrilled thousands.

South Simcoe Police and other partners in policing, including MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Barrie-Simcoe chapter launched the Festive Season R.I.D.E. Campaign, November 26 at Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Innisfil. Drinking and driving charges were up this year.

December

The new Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council was inaugurated at a special meeting on December 2, upstairs at the Bradford & District Community Centre. It was standing room only, as Mayor Rob Keffer, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, and Ward Councillors Raj Sandhu, Gary Baynes, Gary Lamb, Ron Orr, Peter Ferragine, Mark Contois and Peter Dykie Jr. were sworn in, and took their oath of office.

On December 10, students at Bradford District High School participated in Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign – writing 571 letters on issues that ranged from the failure to assist the victims of the Bhopal chemical poisoning in India, 29 years after the tragedy, to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's refusal to hold a National Inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

There were more Santa sightings around Town, successful toy drives and food drives, the Bradford Board of Trade's annual window-decorating contest, and holiday dinners, as the Town got into the festive spirit.

More Resolutions of Council...

"Wishing all residents a very prosperous 2015. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make BWG a better place for our residents. I will continue to work towards issues raised by residents during the campaign, and will always be available to hear their suggestions or concerns. On a personal note, I'm looking to get back on my fitness plan to shed some pounds!" - ***Councillor Raj Sandhu.***

"With all the negativity and uncertainty we hear in the news today, let us reflect on all the privileges and freedoms we have in Bradford West Gwillimbury. I am so pleased to be working with the new Council to help make 2015 fruitful for all." - ***Councillor Ron Orr.***

"I'm on a diet – I've already dropped 8 lbs. - and I'm trying to save the community money. And getting the simple things right." - ***Councillor Mark Contois.***

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Reopening of Evans & Evans Law offices, January 8 - from left, Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillors Gary Baynes and Peter Dykie Jr., Mayor Rob Keffer, Janet and Bob Evans, MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, Councillor Ron Orr, and Bradford Board of Trade President, James McNeill. The Re-opening celebrated not only the renovation, and dramatic facelift of the building by The Brick Painter, but the firm's 120th Anniversary. Evans & Evans Barristers & Solicitors was founded in 1894 by T.W.W. Evans; the Evans Block building at 21 Holland St. West was built in 1908. Lawyer Bob Evans is the grandson of the founder.

letters to the editor

Insecure carrots?

To the editor: Bradford has gone from being a farming community, to being an urban community.

This was made clear to me when I saw a report on the 6 o'clock news that someone with a pick-up truck load of carrots in Bradford was charged $130 for an "insecure load."

Farmers have been taking pick-up truckloads of carrots home from the local packers for decades. I have done it myself many times. It provides needed feed for livestock and a market for the cull carrots. I am not aware of there ever being a public safety issue with this practice.

After reviewing section 111 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act, on Proper Loading, and Ontario Regulation 363/04 "Securement of Load," it appears the load was not insecure. It seems to me that charges were laid by a potentially over-zealous police officer exercising poor judgement and lacking common sense in enforcement and the application of the law. The laying of this charge and the accompanying news coverage could negatively impact the local economy. The police need to issue a statement that it is perfectly legal to haul loose bulk carrots in a pick-up truck, to mitigate the damage that has been done.

Ron Conrad, BWG

Food Bank thank-you

To the editor: The Helping Hand Food Bank would like to thank the following for their help with the 2014 Christmas Food Hampers:

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, John's No Frills, Zehr's Market, Walmart Supercentre, Gwillimdale Farms, Bradford & District Produce, Carron Farms, Dominion Farms, Hillside Gardens, Discount Truck Rental, Joe Mendrek, Bill Eek, Gord Young, Trevor Nyers, and Bill Silvey; all of the volunteers who put together the boxes and filled them with food; the "runners" who carried the boxes to the clients' cars; the volunteers who helped John Blake and Brian Gallagher with the toys.

You did a superb job, and we couldn't have done this without you!

Thank you to all the people who generously donated to the Food Bank throughout the year – and last but not least, thank you to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for your ongoing support of the Food Bank.

Helping Hand Food Bank

Tree of Warmth thanks

To the editor: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all of those who donated long hours of labour, knitting hats, mittens and slippers for our Tree of Warmth. The items were distributed to The Hub in Bradford, local families in need, and to the Salvation Army. With your help, we put a smile on the faces of a lot of deserving people.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

At the Danube Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., offers programs and events. For information, call 905-775-0612 – or visit the new website, ***danubeseniorcentre.webs.com*** **Coming up:** Jan. 24 – **Summer in January!** Tickets are $10 for an amazing cold buffet and a taste of summer. Doors open at noon, dinner is 12:30 p.m. Wear shorts and sandals – but please, no bikinis or speedos!

Probus Club meets

Bradford's Probus Club 2, a social club for Retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people, meets Wednesday, January 21 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940- 10 SR in BWG, from 10 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker is Marc Terrance of CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), providing an overview of the agency. Coffee, tea and treats will be available - new members are welcomed.

Rug Hooking

Interested in crafts? The Bond Head Women's Institute invites you to attend a free demonstration of Rug Hooking at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 21 at 200 Holland Court in Bradford (Srs' Condo). For more information or to register, please call 905-775-6618.

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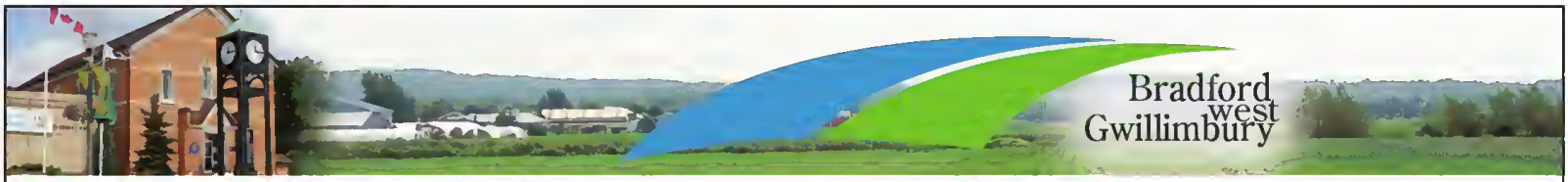

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.
• Tues. Jan 20 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre

UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Library Board
• Mon. Jan 26 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom , 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment
• Wed. Jan 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W.

PROCLAMATIONS

That his worship Mayor Rob Keffer and Council Proclaim:
January 2015 – Crime Stoppers Month

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions:

Director of Leisure Services	Director of Planning and Development Services
2015-DL01	2015-PD01

A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Employment Opportunities section; or at the Town's Human Resources office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury,
Human Resources Department
100 Dissette St, Unit 4 Box 100,
Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7
Fax: 905 775-8633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

LSRCA Watershed Development Guidelines

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of our Watershed Development Guidelines. The purpose of these Information Centres is to receive input on the revised Guidelines.

Draft #1 of the LSRCA's Watershed Development Guidelines were posted on the Authority's Website on July 21, 2014 for 60 days. LSRCA's member municipalities, neighboring conservation authorities and a variety of stakeholders were provided with a notice of Public Consultation associated with the Authority's Watershed Development Guidelines. The comments received have been reviewed and where appropriate, incorporated into the document. This revised draft (#2) is being posted on the LSRCA Website for an additional 60 day review period, which will end on February 28, 2015.

Dates and Locations of the PIC's

Town of Innisfil Municipal Office- Room B and C
2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, L9S 1A1
Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Town of East Gwillimbury - Holland Landing Community Centre Simcoe Room 19513 Yonge St. Holland Landing, L9N 1L8 Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Lake Simcoe Region conservation authority

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Planning, Regulations & Enforcement
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b.booth@lsrca.on.ca

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is seeking applications from residents who are interested in helping their community by serving on a local committee for the term of Council. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a current resident of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The following positions are available:

Appeals Committee
5 appointees from the public
The mandate of this committee is to hear appeals under the Town's Licensing By-law and the Dog Control By-law.

Municipal Heritage Committee
7 appointees from the public
The mandate of this committee is to review and provide advice respecting heritage preservation within the municipality.

Active Transportation/Recreation Committee
7 appointees from the public
The mandate of this committee is to review and provide advice respecting initiatives to develop a more comprehensive plan for human-powered travel throughout the municipality.

Downtown Revitalization Committee
7 appointees from the public
The mandate of this committee is to review and provide advice respecting strategies to revitalize the downtown area.

If you are interested in applying for one of the above, please find further information and application instructions for these positions on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the *Council & Committees* section, or at the Town's Administrative office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Legislative Services
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MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLES

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-080 regulates the operation of motorized snow vehicles within our Municipality.

With the snow season fast approaching, owners must ensure that all motorized snow vehicles have a permit validated by the Ministry of Transportation. In addition, the following regulations must be complied with while operating snow vehicles within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury:

No person shall:

1. Operate a motorized snow vehicle in the Town during any day between the hours of 11 :00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in a residential subdivision;
2. Drive a motorized snow vehicle upon a sidewalk in the Town, except for the purpose of directly crossing such sidewalk;
3. Operate a motorized snow vehicle upon any privately owned property without the express written permission of the owner of the property;
4. Operate a motorized snow vehicle on any Town parklands and properties;
5. Cross a serviced roadway except at an angle of approximately 90' to the direction of the serviced roadway.
6. Drive a motorized snow vehicle at a greater rate of speed than:
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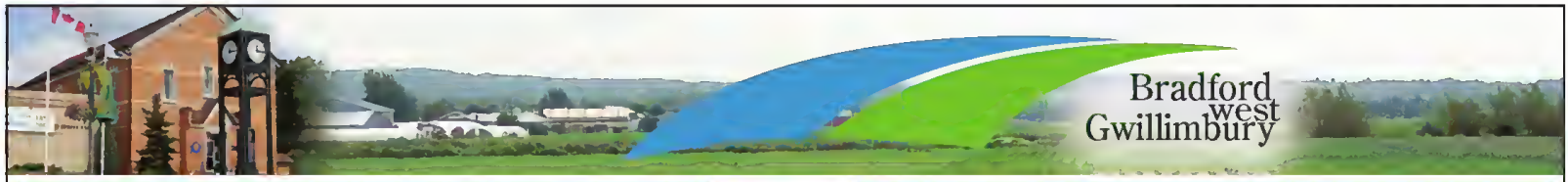
You can register for one or all of the workshops. Visit the Borrower Services Desk or call 905-775-3328 ext. 6100! Come and learn:

January 22, 2015 - 7:00—8:30pm	**April 16, 2015 - 7:00—8:30pm**
Mindset, Confidence & Leadership: What It Takes to Be an Entrepreneur	Sales, Systems & Multiple Revenue Streams
February 19, 2015 - 7:00—8:30pm	**May 21, 2015 - 7:00—8:30pm**
Money, Marketing and Mistakes	Building your Business

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library



NOTICES

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON A PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER INSTALLATION

TAKE NOTICE that The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury invites you to attend a public information session on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Zima Room of the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford**, to consider a proposed communications tower installation.

Applicant:	**Summit Telecom Services Inc. on behalf of Rogers Communications**
Land Owner:	**The Eastern Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada**
Subject Property:	**758 Simcoe Road**
File No.:	**Z-14-15**

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the proposed tower installation. A Summit Telecom Services Inc. representative will be available.

Written submissions regarding the proposed communications tower can be made to Caroline Murphy, Planner, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1402.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council in respect of the proposed tower installation, you must make a written request to Caroline Murphy at the address shown above.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 15th day of January, 2015.

Rebecca Murphy, Director of Legal Services/Clerk

Nordic Pole Walking at Simply For Life

"Pole Walking" is not Nordic Pole Walking, says instructor Shawn Nisbet.

Pole walking simply uses poles for support, and primarily focuses on the lower body muscles.

Nordic Pole Walking is a whole-body exercise that uses the poles to vigorously propel the body forward, and can increase heart and cardiovascular strength by 25%, burn up to 46% more calories, and engage up to 90% of the body's muscles.

Nisbet, a Registered Holistic Nutritionist, Certified Fitness Consultant, and Nordic Pole Walking Master Instructor, is passionate about the benefits of Nordic Pole Walking as part of a healthy lifestyle. She uses her expertise to teach groups in recreation centres, local hospitals – and, on January 10, at Simply For Life Nutrition Market in Bradford, 157 Holland St. East.

She demonstrated how to set the poles to the proper height, and develop the proper back-thrusting technique that elevates Nordic Pole Walking over other forms of exercise, making it effective even if practised only 2 or 3 times a week, for as little as 30 minutes at a time.

But, Nisbet warned, to get the full benefit of Nordic Pole Walking, "your pole height has to be perfect. If your pole height is too bigh, it's going to hurt your shoulder. If it's too low, you'll hurt your back... Plus, you won't have good technique."

Done right, the exercise can improve posture, ease back, shoulder and neck pain, reduce high blood pressure and stress, and improve blood sugar level balance.

"This is my passion. No matter what we do, we must move," Nesbit told the group. "We get to work all those muscles – while we're walking and talking!"

Even so, she warned, exercise is not the whole story. Health is "70% nutrition, 30% this. It has to be wise choices."

Nesbit has often been asked, "What's the best exercise?" Sbe has a quick answer: "What do you love?"

Nesbit loves Nordic Pole Walking.

Photo: Shawn Nisbet, left, Master Instructor adjusts the pole length for Gwen Cottingham of Simply For Life.

Coming up...

Simply For Life nutritional clinic, 157 Holland St. East, has been offering a number of events in the new year.

Coming up on Jan. 18 – **Kids Cooking with Love**, 12 to 1 p.m. A kids' cooking class, featuring healthy Valentine's Day ideas, only $10 per person, or $15 per family.

Please RSVP by contacting Gwen or Jennifer at 905-778-9998, or see SimplyForLife Bradford on Facebook.

Bradford Highlands
GOLF CLUB

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 21, 2015 - 9:00am

Presentation of 2014 IPM Annual Report

LOCATION:
Glen Eagle Golf Club,
15731 Hwy 50, L7E 3H9

CONTACT PERSON:
Adam Leonardo at
bradford.highlands.turf@gmail.com
email to:
bradford.highlands.turf@gmail.com or
905.775.8685

It's the Arts!

Wanted: Artists and Artisans interested in participating in this year's **BWG Studio Art Tour, September 18-20, 2015.** Artists are asked to send in their applications by January 31, and provide contact and medium information (i.e., watercolor, acrylic, sculpture, woodworking, photography, etc.), an artist statement or bio, proof of liability insurance if planning to open a home studio to the public, three jpeg images of a selected work to be used for the full-colour brochure, and the $100 show fee (payable by cash, cheque or credit card). All works must be original – no kits, molds or mass-produced items will be accepted. Artists will be notified of acceptance by February 28.

For more information contact ***info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com*** or call 705-435-2378, or visit ***www.bwgstudiotour.ca*** Applications and payment can be mailed to BWG Studio Tour, South Simcoe Arts Council, Box 313, Alliston ON L9R 1V6 or emailed to ***info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com***

The Bradford Board of Trade is holding its annual Town & Country Living Show at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 – and is planning to host an **Art Oasis**, featuring local fine artists. This is a juried show, and each artist accepted by the BBT will have an 8' by 10' space in whicb to set up. Information and registration forms are available online at ***http:// bradfordboardoftrade.com/event-1833995*** Application fee is $40, plus GST.

For more information, contact Meade Helman, at ***meadehelman@rogers.com*** or 905-778-9328.

The South Simcoe Arts Council Gallery at the Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St. West in Alliston, hosts two new shows – **The Historical Figures of Canada Doll Collection** by Irina Gorelkina, featuring 26 wax dolls in accurate likeness and period costumes, ranging from pioneers and First Nations, to Pierre Trudeau; and **OPUS 18,** an exhibition of recent artwork by students at Banting Memorial High School.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg is hosting a new exhibition, **Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes in Art, 1775-2012.** This stunning and provocative exhibit interweaves science, history and art – focusing on the beauty and fragility of Earth's frozen frontiers through the eyes of artists, writers and naturalists. The exhibition opens to the public on January 31; the McMichael is located at 10365 Islington Ave.

Tec & W. Gwill Historical Society

By Helen Yielding

Don't let Winter's cold and isolation get you down. The Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society's warm and friendly meetings offer a welcome and fascinating respite, with adventures in local history every month.

January's meeting is the annual **Show & Tell**, when members share information about their prized possessions or personal stories. Bring your owned items to the meeting on Monday, January 19, at the Tec We Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, and share your story with an eager audience!

If you have old papers, family records, or photos that have been languishing in a drawer or shoebox, Ellen Millar, Assistant Archivist at the Simcoe County Museum, will show you how to organize and conserve these items for posterity. Monday, February 16 - preserve your family history, for Family Day!

On Monday, March 16, a medical tonic awaits: Author and historian Dorothy Duncan will discuss home remedies, "**Potions, Powder, Poultices and Prayers – Medical Treatments from the early 19th Century.**" Meetings start at t 7:30 p.m. For details, call June at 905-775-7144.

CHURCH IS CLOSING

Another historic church in Bradford West Gwillimbury is closing its doors for good. On January 18, **Newton Robinson United Church** will hold its farewell service and close its doors, after 174 years of service.

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Open House at the Kettlebell Club

Julie Carrique started her career in health, fitness and nutrition in 2003, as a Registered Holistic Nutritionist. She's also a personal trainer, certified yoga teacher – and a Level 2 Agatsu Kettlebell Instructor.

Kettlebells are a form of Russian weights, developed in the 17th century. They look like a cannonball fitted with a handle – and unlike western dumbells, are used in a swinging motion, that uses the whole body, providing high-intensity training and exercise. In the 20th century, the Soviet Army used kettlebells to build strength and cardio endurance.

"It was my husband who found Kettlebells online. I was a nutritionist at that point, and I wanted to incorporate exercise," Carrique explains. "I had a lot of clients who were interested in losing weight , and were exercising – but not effectively. It was kind of frustrating."

Intrigued by what she saw, she became a student of Shawn Mozen, founder of Agatsu Kettlebells in Montreal, and in 2007, opened the Kettlebell Club in Bradford.

Carrique found that by combining nutrition and Kettlebell training, her clients were better able to achieve their goals, and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

She currently has about 65 to 70 students in her Kettlebell classes. "It's quick – the classes are 45 minutes – and when you finish, you feel as if you've really done something!" she says.

On January 10, Carrique held an Open House at the newly-renovated location of the Kettlebell Club, upstairs at 152 Holland St. East. It was the location of her very first classes, held at the Chiropractic Walk-in Centre – but now, in an expanded space, she can offer all of her nutrition, fitness and training options in a single location.

"It's different from a gym," she says, focussing on small groups, and offering flexibility. "We usually have a lot of fun. You're not getting lost in a large class."

Many of those dropping in to the Kettlebell Club Open House greeted each other as friends, as they talked with Carrique, sampled healthy treats made using recipes from Ricki Heller's "Naturally Sweet & Gluten-Free Alergy-Friendly Vegan Desserts" cookbook, and entered a free draw.

And Carrique was delighted to have a space that will help her achieve her goals for her clients: to educate, motivate and empower them to exercise consistently, to eat a healthy, balanced diet, and to "feel good, look good and stay healthy."

For more information see kbclub.ca or email ***nutritionsense@sympatico.ca*** or ***info@kbclub.ca***

Congratulations to the winners of the Open House Draw: **Cookbook:** Janet Vincent; Kathy Witherow; **Sweatshirt** – Brenda Nolan; **Water Bottle** – Emily D'Uva

Photo: Julie Carrique with 32 lb. Kettlebell, at Jan. 10 Open House.

Church dinners and events

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, hosts a **Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner** on Saturday, January 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. - continuous serving! All welcome. Adults $16, children $8. Tickets at the door, or call 905-775-7268 to reserve, or to order take-out (before 3 p.m. on Jan. 16). Proceeds to Bradford United Church and its charities.

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, is holding another fundraising **Perogy Luncheon.** On Saturday, January 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., drop by the church to enjoy Potato and Cheddar Perogies, Sausage, Salad, Dessert, tea or coffee - $10 for a "Small" lunch, $12 for "regular", or $14 for "Large." Eat in or take out. Side dishes are available for a nominal price, including sausage, traditional Borscht and cabbage rolls. Tickets at the door. All welcome!

Bradford United Church's **Treasure Sale** returns on Saturday, January 24, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the church, 66 Barrie St. Parishioners have gathered treasures from their attics, basements, closets and garages - make them your own, by donation. Want to hold your own rummage sale? Rent a table for only $15; call 905-775-7268 to reserve.

Also on Saturday, January 24 – Bradford United Church holds a **Euchre Party**, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Tickets are $10 for a social afternoon and refreshments, available by calling 905-775-7268.

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community listings

MEETINGS

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN (CAPC) PROGRAM NEW DATE: The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) is held Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. For more information, call the CAPC Office at 905-775-1498.

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1466 Sideroad #5, Bradford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2512
bondheadunitedchurch.ca

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St Bradford 905-775-2065
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Service 10 am
Sunday School Available
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7268
Service -10 am
Sunday School Available
www.bradfordunited.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Middletown SR)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
stjohnsprasbytarian.ca

The Baha'i World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
16 Hearn St Bond Head, Sunday Euchanst.
9 30am (Ukrainian), 11 30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatherinaofalexandria.ca

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9268, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

St. Michael's Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodini
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrc@rogers.com

Greater Life Community Church
The Church in the library
425 Holland St. W, Bradford
Christian Education: 10:30 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
(647)718-7849
www.greaterlifeonline.com

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Saturday only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

THURS., JAN. 15

FOCUS ON ICE FISHING... FINESSE YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS CLINIC: Free with a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank, an Ice Fishing Clinic with expert angler and instructor Wil Wegman, upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 7-9 p.m.

FRI., JAN. 16

PA DAY AT THE ELMAN W. CAMPBELL MUSEUM: Wooden toys, activities, model train, Museum scavenger hunt and more at the Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver 18 or older. Free! Note: There are no lunchroom facilities. For information, call 905-953-5314.

SAT., JAN. 17

GEORGIAN DOWNS SNO-PITCH TOURNAMENT: One-day tournament at Georgian Downs, sponsored by Sleemans, Labatt Breweries, and OLG Slots at Georgian Downs. $275 per Mixed team, with guarantee of 3 games, $10 slot play voucher for each player, and prizes for Division winners. To enter a team, contact Paul at 705-816-2613 or Terry, 647-226-7042. Only 24 teams!

LITTLE CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN: At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30-11 a.m. Story, activity and kitchen fun for preschoolers - free. Pre-register by calling 905-775-3039 ext 229, or visit www.simcoecommunityservices.ca Also on January 24 and 31.

INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Knock Schoolhouse heritage site, 7756 - 10 Sideroad in Innisfil, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Dr. J. McPhee, who will speak about his experience in a German Prisoner of War camp in World War II, and his participating in the Death March at the end of the war. All welcome.

BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH HAM & SCALLOP DINNER: From 4:30 to 7 p.m. at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Continuous servings. All Welcome. Adults $16, children $8.

SUN., JAN. 18

KIDS COOKING WITH LOVE: Healthy cooking class for kids, on a Valentine's Theme, 12 to 1 p.m. at Simply For Life, 157 Holland St. East. $10 per child, $15 per family. RSVP to 905-778-9998 or see SimplyForLifeBradford on Facebook.

MON., JAN. 19

TECUMSETH & WEST GWILLIMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOW & TELL: Members bring artifacts and memorabilia, and share their stories, 7:30 p.m. at the Tec We Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 10th Line BWG at County Rd. 27. All welcome. For more information, contact June at 905-775-7144.

TUES., JAN. 20

BUSINESS WOMEN'S NETWORK OF YORK REGION: The BWNYR hosts a Cocktail Party, Jan. 20, at Marlowe Restaurant & Wine Bar, 155 York Blvd. in Richmond Hill, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Members $15 ($20 at the door); non-members $25. Book at bwnyr.com/events/ to meet other like-minded Business Women.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF SIMCOE COUNTY SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West at 10 a.m. Family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's or related dementia will learn coping strategies in a safe place, while sharing challenges and successes. For info, call 705-722-1066.

WEDS., JAN. 21

BRADFORD PROBUS CLUB 2: Meets at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10, from 10 a.m. to noon - with guest speaker Marc Terrance, providing information about CHATS, Community & Home Assistance to Seniors, and its programs. Tea, coffee and treats. New members welcomed. Call Jill, 705-290-0099 or Joanne, 905-551-0942 for information.

BOND HEAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE RUG-HOOKING DEMO: At 200 Holland Court in Bradford, 7 p.m. - a demonstration of Rug-Hooking. All welcome. Please pre-register at 905-775-6618. The Bond Head Women's Institute is a ladies' group, that enjoys crafts and social events.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: At Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, on Essa Rd., from 3 to 8 p.m. Save life - make an appointment to donate blood, at 1-888-2-DONATE or blood.ca

THURS., JAN. 22

BRADFORD BRIDAL TRENDS: Bridal Show, upstairs at the old Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. 7-9 p.m. Everything from gowns to DJ Services - admission is free. Organized by Linda's Floral Designs, Tricia Cresswell of Silpada, and Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique.

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Sports

Local League Peewees #1 win Tourney Silver

Bradford Peewee #1 Local League Team participated in the Walter Gretzky Tourney, Jan. 9-11, and won Silver!

Game 1, Bradford #1 – 3, West Ferris Fisherwavvy – 1. Bradford scoring by Game MVP Connor Huggett with 2, Jake Crane with the single, on an assist from Steven DePeuter.

Game 2, Bradford #1 – 3, Brockville Braves – 1. Goals by Jake Crane with 2, Connor Huggett with 1. Assist to Tristan Davis. Game MVP – Jake Crane.

Game 3, Bradford #1 – 8, Oakville Ice Cats – 0. Scoring by Jake Johnson, Josh Langille and Zack Brown with 2 each, singles by Tristan Davis and Christopher Lotto. Assists to Lotto (4), Brown (2), Jake Crane, Langille, Russel Williams and Steven DePeuter. Game MVP Zack Brown.

Quarter-finals, Bradford #1 – 2, Brockville Braves – 1. Both goals by Jake Crane, from Tristan Davis and Anthony Gammicchia. Game MVP Dakota Mazurek.

Semi-Finals, Bradford #1 – 2, Barrie Sailun Tire – 1. Barrie was the favourite, with 0 goals against – but outstanding team play by the Bradford Peewees resulted in an upset. Goals by Zack Brown and Christopher Lotto, with an assist to Lotto. Game MVP Ryan Kiernan.

Championship Final, Port Credit Storm – 3, Bradford #1 – 2, for the Silver Medal. Goals by Jake Crane and Christopher Lotto, on assists from Quinn Hope and Connor Huggett. Game MVP Christopher Lotto.

Bradford Local League Peewee #1 team. Submitted Photo.

Bradford Bantam #2 Raffle winners

Bradford Bantams Local League team #2 held a Fundraising Raffle Draw, on December 13. Congratulations to the winners:

1st – Pair of Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets – Nikki Gauci

2nd – Toronto Maple Leafs Winter Classic Jersey – Christina Evans

3rd – Panasonic Audio Micro-System – Massimo Roccioto

The Team would like to thank everyone for their support!

Bradford Curling Club hosts Tankard Challenge Round - and Team Glenn Howard

Hurry hard to the Bradford Curling Club, to see some of Ontario's top curlers participating in the Ontario Tankard Challenge – including Team Glenn Howard.

Howard and team mates Rich Hart, Jon Mead and Craig Savill bave decided to continue their pursuit of the Ontario Tankard, by entering the OCA Tankard Men's Challenge Round – a "last chance" at an opportunity to play for the Championship. Two teams will advance.

Howard's rink, which plays out of Coldwater, has won the championship and represented Ontario at the Dominion Tankard 8 times.

The Bradford Club, located beside the old Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre at 125 Simcoe Road, is hosting the OCA Tankard Men's Challenge Round, January 16 to 18. Teams will be on the ice from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 to 9 on Sunday.

The public is welcome to attend, and watch the on-ice action from the comfort of the upstairs club room, where refreshments are available. For more information on the Club, and upcoming Spiels, see ***www. bradfordcurlingclub.ca***

Georgian Downs Sno-Pitch Tourney

The Georgian Downs 1-day Sno-Pitch Tournament takes place Saturday, January 17, at Georgian Downs in Innisfil. Cost to enter is $275 per mixed team – for a guaranteed 3 games, $10 slot play voucher per player, and prizes for Division winners. To enter, call Paul, 705-816-2613 or Terry, 647-226-7042. Only 24 teams!

Ice Fishing Clinic tonight....

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury presents an Ice Fishing Clinic, with angler and instructor Wil Wegman – award-winning outdoor writer, and winner of the 2011 MS perch Tourney on Lake Simcoe. The Clinic takes place Thursday, January 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road – free with a donation of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

Wegman will talk about "Focus on Ice Fishing... Finesse your way to Success." Learn how Lake Simcoe has changed over the years, how to adapt to those changes – and discover the winter habits and habitats of species that include lake trout, whitefish, yellow perch and northern pike. Lowrance Pro staffer and ice guide Gerry Heels will also present "Electronics and Ice Fishing: Maximize your Sonar Unit to Improve Success."

Interested in ice fishing? Don't miss this Clinic. For more information see ***www.wilwegman.com*** Door prizes.

New Lake Herring Season

Beginning in January, anglers will be able to fisb for Lake Herring (Cisco) on Lake Simcoe, for the first time in 13 years. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has announced that it is reopening the Lake Herring Season, due to quality data that shows a positive trend in Cisco populations in the lake.

The MNRF closed the Lake Herring season on Lake Simcoe in 2001, reflecting a steady decline in fish populations, traced to poor water quality and degradation of the coldwater habitat - conditions that have now improved.

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Finally, to the staff of "Lake" at Bradford Valley Long Term Cara, thank you for tha remarkabla loving care you provided Mom during her time spant thare. You showad Mom dignity and respect under difficult circumstances and we are most appraciativa.
Mom will be dearly missed by all.
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GADSDEN, Elaine Carrette – Passed away peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Sunday December 28th, 2014. Beloved wife of the late William Frederick Gadsden. Dear mother of Jeff (Wendy), Stephen (Lee), Victoria (James), Elizabeth (Michael) Valerie and Jennifer (Scott). Dear grandmother of Jeffrey, David, Bredley, Tricia, Christian, Domenique, Andrew, Alexis, Jacob, Lauren and Jadyn . Loved great grandmother of 10 great grandchildren. Friends called at the **PAUL F. KENT FUNERAL HOME**, 16 King Street, North, Cookstown on Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Cookstown on Wednesday December 31st at 11:30 a.m. Cremation . In lieu of flowers donations to the Community Living Association of South Simcoe (C.L.A.S.S.) would be appreciated by the family.

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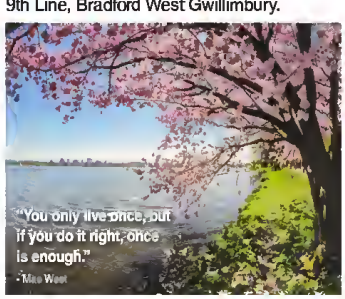
CALWELL, Florence Edith (Flo, Pippy) – Peacefully passed away with her loving family at her side at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Flo (nee Campbell) of Toronto and formerly of Bradford at 87 years of age. Beloved Mom of Bonnie Calwell (Peter Lubig), Janet Calwell (Kevin Hanrahan), Susan Lawson, and Bob Calwell (Monika Grau). Proud Gramma of Jesse (Jamie), Stephanie, Stephen; April, Charles (Jacqueline), Michael, Leila; Courtney, Drew; and Jordan. Cherished "GG" of Samara, Graydon, Hunter, Scout and Abagail. Dear Sister of late Jean (late Claude) Courville, late Lorne (late Margaret Ann), Earl (Prim), late Maggie Norton, late Betty Shipley, June (lete Wally) Reynolds, late Gord (Carol), Tom (Ann), late George and late Velma. Special thanks to Dr. J. Trapman and Virginia, staff at RVH, and her extended family at 93 Lavinia Avenue for their love, friendship, and compassionate care for Flo. A celebration of Flo's life will be held at Windermere United Church, 356 Windermere Ave., Toronto on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 2 p.m. In Flo's memory, donations may be made to Windermere United Church.

O'NEILL, John Maurice – Passed away at his home in Gilford on Tuesday January 6th, 2015 in his 96th year. Beloved husband of the late Jean McLauchlan O'Neill. Dear father of Kevin O'Neill (Fran) and Lynn O'Neill Murphy and her husband John Murphy. Grandfather to Lucas John Sutton O'Neill, Marie, Myles and James Murphy. Friends called at the **Paul F. Kent Funeral Home**, 16 King Street, North, Cookstown on Friday January 9th from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. The Interment took place at Holy Martyrs of Japan Cemetery, 9th Line, Bradford West Gwillimbury.



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HAWKINS, Zelda - Peacefully passed away with family at her side at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Zelda Hawkins of Bradford at 77 years of age. Loving and devoted mom of Mary (Jim) Purnell and William "Bill" (Linda) Hawkins. Proud Nena of late Jimmy, Bob; Stephannie, Sheena, Christopher, Victoria, and Anthony. Dear sister of late Donald, late Bernice, Clarence, Doug, late Edith, Shirley, Helen, Evelyn, Fred, Raymond and Mary. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday, Jenuery 14, 2015 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cardiac Unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

In Memoriams

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The budget, line by line

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from the advertising budget in Legal Services; and $10,000 from Leisure.

Other proposed cuts were parked in a "parking lot", for further debate and discussion – including the Town Manager's budget for "Professional Services", largely consulting services. The line item was $40,000 in 2014; the 2015 budget allocated $25,000 – but Councillor Gary Baynes called for a further cut, "to $15,000 or $20,000."

Councillor Gary Lamb pointed out that this year might not be the year to make deep cuts, with so many large projects coming on line and planned negotiations over land acquisition. "Leave them a leg to stand on," Lamb urged.

In the end, a $5000 cut was approved.

Also in the Parking Lot: a $112,000 new hire in Engineering, for the position of Business & Operation Co-ordinator. Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee explained that the position would help the department "modernize" and help public works keep up with growth, an issue identified by the previous Council - but Councillors expressed reluctance to approve another 6-figure salary.

"I'd rather see money spent... and revisit our existing old roads. I'd rather see that money put into ... small repairs, maintenance," said Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. - although Deputy Mayor James Leduc noted, "If we want the technology to increase, this position does bring the technical level up."

In the end, Council approved the hire.

Councillors cut $20,000 from Engineering's $80,000 budget for professional studies that include an updated Roads Needs Study, Bridge study, and Watermain Assessment; and $8,000 for a Crossing Guard Warrant Study.

One of the biggest savings came through a technical recalculation of the cost of five new hires. Approved were a new Finance Administration Assistant ($69,590), full-time Firefighter ($117,250), Parks Property Operator ($72,280), Business & Operations Co-ordinator ($112,500), and Planner ($95,720), for a total of $467,340 (including benefits).

But Councillor Gary Baynes pointed out that the budget showed the hires at the highest pay level, for a full year of employment; in fact, most would be hired at a lower starting salary – and were unlikely to be in place before March 1. Baynes persuaded Council to base the salaries on 10 months of employment, rather than 12 months – a savings of $77,890.

Several proposed cuts were turned down. Councillor Baynes wanted to cut the mileage, training and conference allowance from $4,950 per Councillor, to $3000 – but was over-ruled.

"Who knows what extraordinary things might happen this year? We might have a Council that wants to be educated," said Councillor Gary Lamb – urging the cuts to wait until a review of Council remuneration is completed later this year.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc agreed. "It's only $4,950 – you can eat that up pretty quickly if you attend a conference."

And there was lengthy debate over the Town's share of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund – stable funding designed to support upgrades to aging road, bridge, water and wastewater infrastructure. Bradford West Gwillimbury will receive $319,000 annually, in 2014-2016.

There was debate over whether to use the funding to offset tax expenditures on road repairs and rehabilitation, budgeted at $1.586 million in 2015 – or expand the list of road repairs to be completed this year.

"I think there are a few streets – like Back St. in front of the Legion – that should be a priority," said Mayor Keffer, supporting the use of the funding for additional projects.

Deputy Mayor Leduc suggested using some of the grant for Back St., but the rest for "savings in the budget... There's money to be saved here, and I'd like to see some of it saved." He also suggested cutting $100,000 earmarked for preventative maintenance on Holland St. West – even though the funds wouldn't come from taxes, but from Capital Reserves.

"That's the busiest road in Town," warned Councillor Lamb, urging the expenditure "if you want to keep that road in pristine condition."

"You don't want to do "worst is first." If you don't do the maintenance on it, you'll be doing reconstruction 2 – 3 years earlier," said Director Mukherjee. "It's better strategy to invest it on the preventative."

"I think we should leave it to the Engineering Department... We are getting further and further behind," with road maintenance, said Councillor Peter Dykie Jr.

And CAO Geoff McKnight warned that the intent of the OCIF program "is to extend our programs, not retract them." Substituting grant dollars for tax dollars, he said, "hasn't done anything to reduce our infrastructure deficit."

Councillor Ron Orr agreed, "We've all heard everybody in Town, about not getting roads done... Let's use this money to catch up and show our residents we are doing something for them."

"I think we're at least 10 years behind in our road construction process," said Councillor Gary Lamb. "If the province is giving us $1 million (over 3 years) we should use it."

Mukherjee noted that the new Roads Needs Study will provide "a more comprehensive list" of what needs to be done. "We have such a long backlog."

The $319,000 was added to the Roads maintenance and rehabilitation budget.

There was also good news from Simcoe County. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor reported that the County has voted to keep its tax hike to only 1% - a reduction that helped lower the overall property tax increase to only 1.3%.

Mayor Keffer concluded the budget session by noting that Council had made cuts without impacting service. In fact, he said, "We are increasing services, as far as roads and rehabilitation. We have some "adds" in there."

One "add", made at the request of the Mayor, was a $50,000 Heritage Conservation District Study, in 2015. The Study will be funded from Reserves, rather than taxation.

Police Services Board Meets in Bradford

The Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board will meet on Monday, January 19, 7 p.m. at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, in the Zima Room. The meeting will feature a presentation on the R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program, by South Simcoe Police Sgt. Lou DaSilva, of Traffic and Marine. The public is welcome to attend.

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